



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
NISHIDA et al. ) Art Unit 2651  
Application Number: 10/695,830 ) Examiner  
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For: MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS, )  
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND )  
MAGNETIC RECORDING METHOD )  
Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0128 )

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 27, 2005, the period for response to which expires on November 27, 2005, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for one month. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: